



VarTec Telecom, Inc.

June 14, 2006

VIA EXPRESS DELIVERY

Mr. C. Dukes Scott, Executive Director
South Carolina Public Service Commission
Synergy Business Park
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Re: Voluntary Certification Withdrawal by VarTec Telecom, Inc., Excel Telecommunications, Inc. and VarTec Solutions, Inc. and Notice of Asset Sale Closing

Dear Mr. Scott:

VarTec Telecom, Inc., Excel Telecommunications, Inc. and VarTec Solutions, Inc. ("VarTec Companies") hereby voluntarily withdraw their respective operating authorities to provide local exchange and interexchange services within your state. By way of background for this request, the VarTec Companies voluntarily filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy on November 1, 2004 in the Dallas Division of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Texas (the "Court") consolidated under Case No. 04-81694-HDH-11. As part of the bankruptcy process, the VarTec Companies entered into a court-approved asset purchase agreement ("APA") to sell substantially all of their assets, including customers. The APA was ultimately consummated on June 7, 2006 between the VarTec Companies and Comtel Telcom Assets LP ("Comtel"), as assignee for Comtel Investments LLC.

Due to the consummation of the APA and the bankruptcy status, the VarTec Companies no longer have an employee base, customers or other telecommunications operations in any jurisdiction. The existing customers and the associated operations were transferred to Comtel which has now stepped into the VarTec Companies' shoes to allow for a seamless transition as far as the end-user customers are concerned. Without impacting Comtel's operating authority, customers and/or ongoing operations, the VarTec Companies respectfully request that your office take any steps necessary to immediately withdraw any remaining operating authority and tariffs/price lists on file for corporate entities of VarTec Telecom, Inc., Excel Telecommunications, Inc. and VarTec Solutions, Inc. As previously referenced, Comtel is now serving the customers acquired from the VarTec Companies.

The VarTec Companies sincerely appreciate your service and assistance over the years and now seek your prompt attention to this necessary request. Please direct any inquiries regarding the ongoing operations of Comtel to Becky Gipson at bgipson@vartec.net or at (972) 478-3309. Acknowledgment and date of receipt of this filing are respectfully requested. Please date and file stamp the attached copy of this correspondence and return it in the enclosed pre-addressed, postage- prepaid envelope. ✓SLM

Respectfully submitted,

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President & CEO

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